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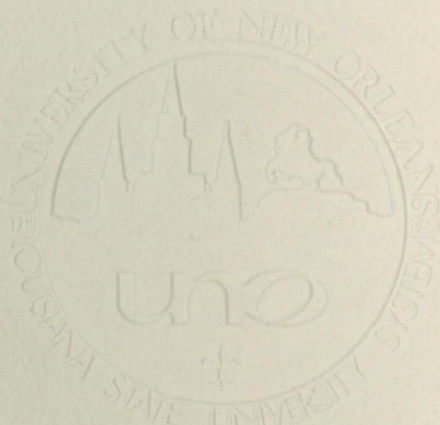

Commencement

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College of Business Administration Commencement

Saturday, May 19, 2007

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PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. John C. Gardner, *Dean*
College of Business Administration

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Elizabeth Ulloa Lowry

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Frederick W. Sawyers III, *General Manager*
Hilton New Orleans Riverside

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Ms. Dorothy Reese, *Member*
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
Board of Supervisors

ALMA MATER
Elizabeth Ulloa Lowry

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Dinah Payne
David Perlman
Joseph Wilson
Ronald Young

It is customary for the audience to stand during the Processional and National Anthem, and again at the end of the ceremony until the Recessional is over.

College of Education and Human Development Commencement

Saturday, May 19, 2007

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. James Meza, *Dean*
College of Education and Human Development

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Dr. Kyle Scafide

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Paul Pastorek, *Louisiana Superintendent of Education*

STUDENT SPEAKER
Theresa M. Phillips

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, Chancellor
University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Dr. Kyle Scafide

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Patricia Austin
Helene Derbigny
Lynette Silvestri

USHERS
Members of Kappa Delta Epsilon

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College of Engineering Commencement

Friday, May 18, 2007

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. Russell Trahan, Jr., *Dean*
College of Engineering

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Ryan Garrity

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Donald T. Bollinger, *Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*
Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.

STUDENT SPEAKER
Brian Rene Buisson

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE TO MR. CHARLES CUSIMANO

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Ryan Garrity

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Robert Latorre
Norman Whitley

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Honorary Doctor of Philosophy
Charles V. Cusimano

Charles Vincent Cusimano, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering in 1951. He attended LSU on a football scholarship, lettered for four years, and played in the Cotton Bowl in 1946 and the Sugar Bowl in 1950. Cusimano also studied law at Loyola University in New Orleans (1951-52) and did postgraduate work in Geology at the University of Oklahoma (1956-57).

While studying at LSU, Cusimano began his career in the oil industry, spending his summers as a roustabout and roughneck. He was hired as a junior engineer with William G. Helis (1951), the largest independent oil operator in Louisiana at that time. Later, with Richardson & Bass (1951-53), Cusimano worked as an engineer working in all phases of drilling. Following a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War (1953-55), Cusimano was recruited by New Orleans Public Service as Development Gas Engineer (1955-57) to implement the city's transition from wet gas to dry (natural) gas. This complex process entailed designing new lines for the entire city and overseeing the change of the distribution pressure. Cusimano served as a consultant in the oil industry from 1957-62, prior to founding the Energy Corporation of America which was one of the first to specialize in buying distressed properties and reworking old wells. In 1973 ECA merged with Equitable Petroleum, and by the time Cusimano sold his corporation to Wichita River Oil Company and retired in 1992, he had drilled nearly 600 wells in the U.S. and Near East.

Appointed to the Louisiana State University System Board of Supervisors in 1974, Cusimano served continuously through December 2006. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the reconstruction of the "Purple and Gold" section of LSU's Tiger Stadium and planning the development and financing of the West Side Expansion of Tiger Stadium. He also conceived and launched LSU's cogeneration project which was completed in 2004 and saves the university in excess of $2 million per year for every dollar increase in natural gas prices. At LSU, Cusimano actively supported the consolidation of the associated departments and divisions into the School of the Coast and Environment (formerly the Center for Coastal, Energy, and Environmental Resources) and was responsible for the Center's new building which was completed in 2000.

A strong supporter of the University of New Orleans, Cusimano aggressively pursued privatized student housing for the UNO campus. In 1995, he obtained permission of the Board to construct on-campus apartments, Privateer Place. The arrangement that was negotiated will allow the university to become the owners of the facilities after 20 years. Besides being responsible for allocating space for all religions to build their houses of worship on all of the LSU System campuses, at the request of Archbishop Hannan of New Orleans, Cusimano established the Newman Center on the UNO campus. He also worked with Chancellor Homer L. Hitt in the planning of the Kiefer-UNO Lakefront Arena which opened in 1983.

As chair of the Governor's Comprehensive Energy Policy Advisory Commission which completed its work in 2003, Cusimano is currently spearheading the establishment of a statewide Clean Power and Energy Research Consortium (CPERC) which includes Louisiana's most outstanding energy researchers. He was also instrumental obtaining from the state $500,000 in seed money for start-up costs of the Consortium, and, as a result of his lobbying, the current Energy Bill has designated the consortium as an Energy Center of Research. For his many contributions to the energy industry in Louisiana and to Louisiana State University, Cusimano was inducted into the LSU Engineering Hall of Distinction in 1998.

Cusimano also breeds and races thoroughbreds. Knowing that the LSU School of Veterinary medicine needed funding for equine studies, Cusimano traveled throughout the State lobbying legislators for support. After a personal appeal to the House Committee on Appropriations, he was successful in allocating a percentage of all race track slot machine revenues up to $750,000 per year to the LSU Equine Research Fund.

Cusimano has also been honored by the UNO Newman Center with its First Annual Cardinal Newman Recognition (1999). He was awarded the UNO Student Government Student Body Appreciation Award (1987). He serves on the Sugar Bowl Committee and has received the Distinguished American Award from the National Football Foundation-New Orleans Chapter Hall of Fame, as well as the Bud Dudley Bowl Executive Award (2000). In addition, he was inducted into the National Italian/American Sports Hall of Fame (1987).

Cusimano is a member of the American Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Independent Producers Association of America, American Institute of Petroleum Engineers, the New Orleans Geological Society, the Optimist Club, the Serra (Governor of Louisiana) Club, and the Petroleum Club. In addition, he was director of Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association as well as Gulf South Bank. He was also a member of the Archbishop's Community Appeal (1993) and was honored with the Order of St. Louis (1978). Cusimano was also Finance Chairman of the "Governor's Club" supporting Gov. M. J. "Mike" Foster's 1996 election and 2000 reelection.

Married to the former Violet Taranto, the Cusimanos have one son, Judge Emeritus and Justice of the Peace Charles "Chuck" Cusimano; three daughters, Lisa Brewer, Jan Simon, and Cathy Daigle; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The Resolution

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano, a recognized leader in the petroleum industry for more than 35 years, has been an active and dedicated supporter of the Louisiana State University System and has contributed significantly throughout his career to the advancement of the energy industry with pioneering and innovative processes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cusimano implemented New Orleans' transition from wet gas to dry natural gas and was a pioneering oil consultant who innovated the setting of tank batteries on barges for loading and unloading its production; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cusimano is a creative entrepreneur who formed the Energy Corporation of America which merged with Equitable Petroleum Company to become one of the first companies to specialize in buying distressed properties, reworking old wells, drilling new wells on these leases, and thereby improving its production; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cusimano is currently President of Energy Self-Service Oils, Inc. and has drilled nearly 600 wells in 12 states in the United States and the United Arab Emirates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cusimano was appointed to the Louisiana State University System Board of Supervisors in 1974 and has served continuously for 32 years becoming the longest serving Board member in Louisiana State University's history; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the LSU Board of Supervisors and as Vice Chairman and later as the Chairman from 1994-1996, Mr. Cusimano exhibited a great passion for improving and advancing higher education in Louisiana, and through his effective business skills, creative ingenuity, and personal enthusiasm and passion, significantly contributed to the development and well-being of the Louisiana State University System; and

WHEREAS, the contributions Mr. Cusimano has made to higher education in Louisiana are significant and countless, his service to the University of New Orleans is especially noteworthy; for example, Mr. Cusimano established the Newman Center on the University of New Orleans campus under the direction of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan; worked with Chancellor Homer L. Hitt to finance and build the Kiefer-University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena, which opened in 1983; and aggressively pursued privatized student housing and was responsible for constructing on-campus apartments, including Privateer Place, in 1995; and

WHEREAS, witnessing the lack of energy research and development in Louisiana and envisioning the tremendous business opportunity and environmental benefits from developing clean energy and power in Louisiana, Mr. Cusimano spearheaded the establishment of a statewide Clean Power and Energy Research Consortium (CPERC), of which University of New Orleans is a founding member; and with a zealous belief in CPERC's benefits to the nation, Mr. Cusimano was successful in convincing Congress to designate CPERC as a National Energy Center of Excellence in the Energy Bill; and

WHEREAS, as a man of great wisdom, vision, integrity, honor, passion and determination, Mr. Cusimano exemplifies the extraordinary educational and business leader who gives generously of his time and resources to improve and advance higher education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the College of Engineering of the University of New Orleans recommends that Mr. Charles V. Cusimano be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering *honoris causa*, to be presented at the University of New Orleans Commencement Ceremony on the Eighteenth of May, Two Thousand and Seven; and

WHEREAS, the Dean of the College of Engineering, the Provost and the Chancellor of the University of New Orleans have approved the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University System Committee on Awarding Honorary Degrees, the System Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Louisiana State University System President have reviewed and approved this recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering *honoris causa,* to Mr. Charles V. Cusimano, the degree to be presented by the University of New Orleans.

College of Liberal Arts Commencement

Friday, May 18, 2007

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. Susan E. Krantz, *Dean*
College of Liberal Arts

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Matthew Packard

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Edward J. Blakely, *Executive Director*
Office of Recovery Management
City of New Orleans

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Matthew Packard

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Renia Ehrenfeucht
Juana Ibanez
James Lowry
Julia Starr

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College of Sciences and General Studies Program Commencement

Saturday, May 19, 2007

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. Joe M. King, *Dean*
College of Sciences

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Ryan Garrity

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES
Dr. Robert Cashner, *Research Professor,*
Vice Chancellor of Research and Sponsored Programs
and Dean of the Graduate School
University of New Orleans

Toya Armbruster, *Chief Operating Officer*
Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Ryan Garrity

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE / PROGRAM MARSHALS

Nicola Anthony
Richard Cole
Jing Deng
Kraig Derstler
William Greene
Kevin Greve
Wanda Joseph
Linxiong Li
Martin O'Connell
Laura Scaramella
Kevin Stokes
Jinke Tang
Elizabeth Taylor
Gerard Williams

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Friday, May 18, 2007
Saturday, December 19, 2007

A Member of the
Louisiana State University System

University of New Orleans
Spring Commencement

Friday, May 18, 2007

College of Engineering
5:00 P.M.
Reception immediately following, Homer L. Hitt Alumni & Visitors Center

College of Liberal Arts
7:30 P.M.
Reception immediately following, Homer L. Hitt Alumni & Visitors Center

Saturday, May 19, 2007

College of Sciences/General Studies Program
9:00 A.M.
Reception immediately following, Homer L. Hitt Alumni & Visitors Center

College of Education and Human Development
12:00 NOON
Reception immediately following, Homer L. Hitt Alumni & Visitors Center

College of Business Administration
3:00 P.M.
Reception immediately following, Kirschman Hall Atrium

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James P. Roy . . . . . Lafayette
Charles S. Weems, III . . . . . Alexandria

The procedure followed for the awarding of degrees at UNO and most other American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris almost 800 years ago. In those days the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree-granting. His authority in these matters, however, soon came to be disputed by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students.

This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise, under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for their degrees. Today's ceremony includes a secularized version of that procedure. Each dean, as a representative of the faculty, certifies that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees. The President or other representative of the Board of Supervisors then awards the degrees.

Academic Costumes

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are undergraduates, bachelors, and masters (or doctors). The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from the University of New Orleans is black, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood which, like the masters' hood, is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the subject area of the degree received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. A Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry, for example, will have a black velvet-edged gown and a hood trimmed in golden yellow. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes; for instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO.

Candidates who are members of certain select honors societies have been granted official permission to wear specified emblems of their organizations. No other ornamentation is permitted.

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party consisting of administrative officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors, the commencement speaker, the person giving the benediction and invocation, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are conferred in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

*Adapted in part from *American Universities and Colleges,* 6th Edition, Washington; American Council on Education, 1971.

University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession. The Platform Party is composed of the Chancellor, members of the Board of Supervisors, other University authorities, and distinguished guests.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988 at the Academic Convocation commemorating the University's September 5, 1958 opening ceremony. Commissioned in January, 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug McCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

The Mace's bronze head is mounted on a mahogany shaft and has many levels if imagery. Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace has the name and year of appointment of each of the University's Chancellor's engraved on separate bronze rings at the base of the shaft.

The Chancellor's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements, or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second chancellor, in 1981. To date that medallion has been worn by all successors to that office. The UNO National Alumni Association began the tradition of presenting each Chancellor with his or her own medallion.

The sterling silver medallion features the University of New Orleans emblem encircled by two ribbons. The top ribbon bears the words *Chancellor's Medallion;* the bottom ribbon is engraved with the Chancellor's name and dates of service. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasion by the Chancellor to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. There are three designations in this category: *summa cum laude* (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.960-4.000; *magna cum laude* (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.860-3.959; and *cum laude* (with praise), requiring an average of 3.7659-3.859.

A student may also graduate with University Honors, which carries with it Honors in _____ (the particular field). This achievement requires the student to earn 30 honors credits through special courses and additional work in regular courses, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in the chosen subject area, with at least a 3.25 in all work taken, and write a senior honors thesis.

Or a student may follow the normal curriculum of a subject area, write a senior honors thesis, and graduate with Honors in _____ (the particular field). To achieve departmental honors, the student also maintains a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in the subject area, with 3.25 in all work taken.

We are pleased to recognize the following students as honors graduates at this commencement:

Summa Cum Laude

Benjamin W. Cheesbro
Christopher Russell Dyess
Courtney Giarrusso
Laura Johanna Hasenstein
Rachel Danielle Jackson
Jennifer Kay Lanier
Kathleen Rachel Ledet
Jacqueline M. Volpi

Magna Cum Laude

Trisha Guyon Ancar
Storm Elizabeth Cooksey
Josefine Anna Danielsson
Michaela Johanna Anja Fogelberg
Alanna Dione Francois
John Russell Haas
Rachelle Marie Heine
Doris Julia Howard
Kristen Johnson
Donna Barrett Jones
Kira Louise Kuebler
Sub Lee
Aldo Valentino Mejia
Matthew Joseph Nani
Natasha Rebecca Overell
Maya Cinamon Stark

Cum Laude

Andrew Nicholas Baker
Paul Andrew Downs
Hope Alyson Gorrondona
Lisa Denise Gratia
Kier F. Haemmerle
Jacquelyn Ann Marchand
To Han Phan Nguyen
Jennifer Rose Sacks
Emily Faith Venema
Ann Marie Vosepka
Lisa Nelson Williams

The 2007 Spring Semester graduating class is comprised of students from the following states and countries:

Alabama
Arizona
Arkansas
Armed Forces Americas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin

Bangladesh
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burkina Faso
Canada
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Croatia
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Germany
Greece
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Lebanon
Mexico
Morocco
Netherlands
Netherlands Antilles
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Pakistan
Poland
Puerto Rico
Romania
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Spain
Sweden
Thailand
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States
Venezuela
Viet Nam

The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans at this commencement. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

Robert C. Cashner, Vice Chancellor for
Research and Sponsored Programs and Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

College of Business Administration

Adel Sharaf Al-Bino
Financial Economics
B.A., Yarmouk University, 1993
MBA, University of Jordan, 1999
Dissertation: *Essays on the Impact of Antitrust Regulation on Corporate Mergers and Divestitures*
Major Professors: Sudha Krishnaswami and Tarun Mukherjee

Joseph Jerome French
Financial Economics
B.A., Wingate University, 1997
MBA, Clemson University, 1999
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2005
Dissertation: *Linkages between U.S Cross-border Portfolio Equity Flows and Equity Markets*
Major Professor: Atsuyuki Naka

Ahmad Yousef Khasawneh
Financial Economics
B.S., Yarmouk University, 1999
M.A., Yarmouk University, 2002
Dissertation: *The Determinants of Off-Balance Sheet Banking Risk: The U.S. and International Evidence*
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Benito Antonio Sánchez
Financial Economics
B.S., University of Carabobo, 1993
MBA, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administracion, 1995
M.A., Tulane University, 2005
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2005
Dissertation: *Two Essays on the Predictability of Asset Prices: Benchmarking Problems and Long Horizon Returns, and Low R-Square in the Cross Section of Expected Returns*
Major Professor: Neal Maroney

College of Education and Human Development

Tameka Bob
Counselor Education
Bachelor of Arts, Northwestern State University, 1998
Master of Education, Southeastern Louisiana University, 2001
Dissertation: *African American Sons' Perceptions of Their Fathers' Influence on Their Decision Whether to Pursue Higher Education*
Major Professor: Barbara Herlihy

Darilyn Mercadel Butler
Curriculum and Instruction
Bachelor of Arts, University of New Orleans, 1996
Master of Fine Arts, University of New Orleans, 1999
Master of Education, University of New Orleans, 2002
Dissertation: *Implementing Peer Coaching in a State Funded Pre-Kindergarten Program: An Autoethnography*
Major Professor: Judith E. Kieff

Iman En-Nabut
Counselor Education
Bachelor of Science, Tulane University, 2000
Master of Education, University of New Orleans, 2003
Dissertation: *The Lived Experiences of Immigrant Arab Muslim Women in the United States of America*
Major Professor: Zarus Watson

Stephanie Hall
Counselor Education
Bachelor of Arts, University of Kentucky, 1999
Master of Arts, Louisiana Tech University, 2004
Dissertation: *Counselor Educators' Perceptions of Their Doctoral Level Teaching Preparation*
Major Professor: Diana Hulse-Killacky

Mark P. Kelly
Educational Administration
B.S., University of California, Los Angeles 1986
M.S., Louisiana State University Medical Center 1992
Dissertation: *Relationships of Self-Efficacy, Exercise, Social Support to Strain and Burnout in University Faculty*
Major Professors: Zarus Watson & Andre Perry

Latifey LaFleur
Counselor Education
Bachelor of Science, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2000
Master of Science, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2002
Dissertation: *Counselors' Perceptions of Identity and Attitudinal Differences Between Counselors and Other Mental Health Professionals*
Major Professor: Louis Paradise

Theresa Phillips
Counselor Education
Bachelor of Science, Jackson State University, 1997
Master of Science, Jackson State University, 2000
Dissertation: *Motivational Factors Underlying College Students' Decisions to Resume Their Educational Pursuits in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina*
Major Professor: Barbara Herlihy

Benjamin Warner
Counselor Education
Bachelor of Arts, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, 1996
Master of Education, Southern Arkansas University, 2000
Dissertation: *The Relationship Between Alexithymia, Wellness and Substance Dependence*
Major Professor: Louis Paradise

College of Engineering/College of Sciences

Stefano Bietto
Engineering and Applied Science
B.S., Politecnico di Torino, 2002
Dissertation: *Nano-filled Epoxy: Mechanical and Fire Behavior and Modeling of Nanocomposites Columns Under Fire*
Major Professor: David Hui

Karim El Kheiashy
Engineering and Applied Science
B.S., Ain Shams University, 2000
Dissertation: *Flow and Transport Modeling and Quantification of the Periodic Nature of Bed Forms in the Lower Mississippi River*
Major Professor: Alex McCorquodale

Satya Sumanth Reddy Gala
Engineering and Applied Science
B.S. Osmania University, 2002
M.S. University of New Orleans, 2004
Dissertation: *HSPF Modeling of Nonpoint Sources in Tickfaw River Watershed*
Major Professor: Gianna Cothren

Karloren Guzmán
Engineering and Applied Science
B.S. Santa Maria University, 2000
M.S. University of New Orleans, 2003
Dissertation: *Kinetics of Hydrogen Sulfide Oxidation in Sanitary Sewer Systems*
Major Professor: Enrique J. LaMotta

Sofia Martinez
Engineering and Applied Science
B.S. Universidad de la Coruna, 2002
Dissertation: *Thermal and Transport Properties of Layered Silicate Nanomaterials Subjected to Extreme Thermal Cycling*
Major Professor: David Hui

Siva R. Perla
Engineering and Applied Science
B.S. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2001
M.S. University of New Orleans, 2003
Dissertation: *Embedded Multilayer Thin Film Stacks as Polarizing Beam Splitters and Wave Retarders Operating Under Condition of Frustrated Total Internal Reflection*
Major Professor: Rasheed Azzam

College of Liberal Arts

Claire Simno
Urban Studies
B.A., Loyola University of New Orleans, 1971
M.S., University of New Orleans, 1988
Dissertation: *Hysteria, Greed, and the Public Purse: The Litigation Impacting a Local Governmental Agency*
Major Professor: Fritz Wagner

George Simno III
Urban Studies
B.A., Loyola University of New Orleans, 1969
J.D., Loyola University of New Orleans Law School, 1972
M.Law, Tulane University, 1989
Dissertation: *Immunity Under the Provisions of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act: An Analysis of Case Law in Relationship to Pending Litigation*
Major Professor: Fritz Wagner

Katharine L. Bowdy
Chemistry
B.S. Washington and Lee University, 1998
Dissertation: *Toward the Synthesis of CAY-1, an Antifungal Steroidal Saponin*
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